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BY ECF
Honorable James Orenstein
United States Magistrate Judge
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: Raza et al v. City of New York et al, 13 Civ. 3448 (PKC) (JO)

Dear Judge Orenstein:

Pursuant to the Court's January 15th Order, defendants write on behalf of both parties in this matter to provide a status report concerning the parties' settlement efforts and to request an extension of the existing stay until March 17, 2015 to allow continued settlement negotiations.

As the Court is aware, the parties are currently engaged in a Settlement Process subject to court-ordered confidentiality provisions described in an August 15, 2014 letter to the Court (Dkt. No. 91). Since the parties' last update to the Court on January 14, 2015, plaintiffs provided defendants with written counter-proposals. Plaintiffs' counter-proposals, and defendants' responses, were discussed at length in a meeting held on January 30th. Based on those discussions, defendants are in the process of drafting their response with specific terms for a proposed settlement after which the parties will meet again. Both parties believe that there is a basis for continued negotiations and that a further stay is warranted.

Accordingly, the parties respectfully request a one month extension of the stay until March 17, 2015. We appreciate the Court's attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,
/s
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cc: The Honorable Pamela K. Chen (by ECF)
Plaintiffs' Counsel (by ECF)